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REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 14, 18, and 19 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended, and claims 15-17 and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice as directed to non-elected subject matter. These amendments add no new matter.

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that "[t]he amendment filed on 5/21/04 amends the claims to read on other than the elected invention" which "was drawn to a method for identifying a compound which modulates the interaction between CARD-7 and CARD-5 via contacting CARD-7 and CARD-5 with a test compound and measuring the binding of CARD-5-CARD-7."

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended and claims 15-17 and 20-22 have been canceled so as to remove non-elected subject matter from the pending claims. Accordingly, applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

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